"The Base of Choice In the Command of Choice"

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Weather



Today

High: 88, Low: 70



Saturday High: 83, Low: 68 % Thunderstorm





News Briefs

Assumption of Command

Colonel Roger Watkins will assume command of the 14th Flying Training Wing in a ceremony June 25 at 9 a.m. at the Smith Plaza, in front of the Wing Headquarters Building. Major Gen. Irving Halter, 19th Air Force commander, will be performing the ceremony.

Dorm Dinner

There will be a dorm dinner for enlisted servicemembers living in the dorms Wednesday at 5 p.m. at the Chapel Annex. There will be a mandatory dorm meeting at 4:30 p.m. and the dinner will immediately follow. The menu for the dinner will be Italian. For more information, contact your First Sergeant.

Commander's Call

Colonel Jeff Dunn, 14th Flying Training Wing vice commander, will be conducting a mandatory "Civilians Only" commander's call on Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. in Kaye Auditorium. Civilians are required to be there if 3 to 4 p.m. falls within their normal duty hours.

Inside



Feature

Caledonia school children share their support of a classmate, who's father was recently deployed.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sonic Johnson

Captain Josh Higgins, 41st Flying Training Squadron Instructor Pilot, briefs Col. Carlyle "Smitty" Harris before his T-6 flight June 6. Colonel Harris is a retired POW and was the keynote speaker for the graduation of the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 08-10.

Former POW offers wisdom to 08-10 graduates

"You now have joined the

elite band of men and women

have worn with pride and

honor those same wings you

have received today."

Airman Josh Harbin

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Retired Col. Carlyle "Smitty" Harris spoke at the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 08-10 graduation June 6 at Kaye who, through war and peace, Auditorium.

Colonel Harris is credited with teaching the tap code to other prisoners during his time as a prisoner of war for eight years in Vietnam, which

was used for prisoners to communicate between cells.

"The keys to our success are that we are not different or

special from other Air Force and Navy pilots, but our training and values, when needed, gave us the opportunity to

step up to significant challenges,' said Colonel Harris in his speech to the newest class of graduates.

Before retiring, he flew fighter aircraft and served as an instructor pilot, operations officer and faculty member at the Air War College.

Colonel Harris related his success to his trying experience as a POW in Vietnam, where he was

confined, mistreated and tortured over eight years in vari-

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

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Graduation speaker: The graduation speaker is Brig. Gen. Jimmie Jackson Jr., Air Command and Staff College Commandant, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

SILVER WINGS
June 13, 2008

NEWS

Cadets view AF lifestyle



U.S. Air Force photo by Sonic Johnson

A group of Operation Air Force cadets take time for a photo Saturday while enjoying a community event at the Magnolia Motor Speedway. The cadets are introduced to Air Force life while taking part in this summer program. While at Columbus AFB, the cadets will take part in base tours, mission briefs. events in the local community and will shadow members of the BLAZE Team as they do their daily jobs. Upon completing the program the cadets will have a better appreciation for the Air Force and its mission.

WISDOM

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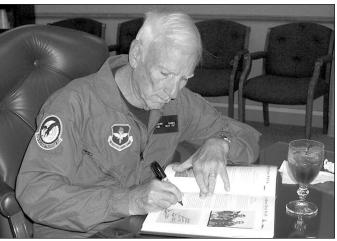
ous prisons.

During his career in the Air Force, he received two Silver Star medals, three Legion of Merit medals, the Distinguished Flying Cross, two Bronze Stars for valor, two Air medals and two Purple Hearts. He retired from the Air Force in 1979.

Since his retirement, he entered the Mississippi Bar in 1981 after graduating from the University of Mississippi law school. He was subsequently involved in banking, law and marketing.

Also during his visit to Columbus AFB, Colonel Harris was able to takflight in CAFB's newest aircraft, the T-6

In his closing statements, Colonel Harris said to the graduates, "You now have joined the elite band of men and women who, through war and peace, have worn with pride and honor those same wings you have received today."



U.S. Air Force photo by Sonic Johnson

Retired Col. Carlyle "Smitty" Harris signs a book during his visit to Columbus AFB June 6. Colonel Harris was the keynote speaker for the graduation for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 08-10. Also during his visit, he was able to take a flight in the T-6 Texan II.



We are all recruiters

Each Air Force member is an "ambassador in blue." Each person can make a difference in someone else's decision to join the Air Force.

☐ Get involved in youth programs, whether in high schools or through church and community organizations. Be a role model in your community.

Take advantage of the Recruiter Assistance Program. Each member of the Air Force is authorized a permissive TDY home for up to 12 days to perform recruiting duties with the local

☐ Talk with others about what the Air Force has done for you and the successes you've had because you joined.

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IFF 08-FB graduates four

Four members of the Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals course graduated Tuesday in a ceremony

in the Heritage Room of the 49th Fighter Training Squadron.

The 49th FTS is responsible for Active Duty and international AT-38C flying training. The 49th FTS also provides IFF training to pilots and weapon system officers entering all Air Force major fighter weapons systems.

This six-week course introduces pilots to air-to-air employment, air-to-surface attack and low-altitude navigation in the AT-38C Talon.

During the ceremony the graduates learned of special awards to be handed out to the class.

Second Lt. Clinton Garrett was awarded the Air-to-Air top gun award. Air-to-Air top gun is an award given for superior aerial weapons employment during IFF. The holder of this award represents the best of the graduating class in the Air to Air Combat.

The Air-to-Ground top gun award went to Capt. Edward Balzer. The Air-to-Ground top gun is an award given for superior employment of air to ground munitions during IFF. The holder of this award represents the best of the graduating class in the Air to Ground Realm.

The Top Weapons System Operator award went to 1st Lt. Curtis Culver.

> Along with IFF training, the 49th FTS is also responsible for upgrade instructor pilot training for instructors continuing to command-wide assignments.

Congratulations to all the IFF 08-FB grad-





Capt. Edward Balzer A-10 Davis-Monthan AFR, Ariz



1st Lt. Krista Clayson F-15E, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.



1st Lt. Curtis Culver F-15E, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.



1st Lt. Clinton Garrett F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.

Shirt **Tales**

Master Sgt. Allen Rigdon 14th Flying Training Wing First Sergeant

Taps dates back to 1862. After the bloody Seven Days battles, the Union General Daniel Adams Butterfield thought the French borrowed tune to extinguish lights, was too formal and not how he wanted to honor the loss of the 600 men from his brigade. Working with his bugler, Oliver Wilcox Norton, they composed the melodious 24-note musical you hear today.

When Taps plays at a funeral, it is customary to salute if in uniform, or to place the right hand over the heart if out of uniform. At Columbus AFB, you will also hear Taps played in the evening at 2200 hrs, signifying "Lights Out."



Commercial Travel

The new Columbus AFB Commercial Travel Office clerk is Gladys Tubby. The new e-mail address for CTO will be gladys.tubby@winggatetravel.com.

Amanda Fitzhugh may not be reached at her e-mail address after June 12.

All phone numbers will remain the same. Those numbers are 434-0225 or 434-2669.



Missoula Children's Theater summer tour rolls through Columbus AFB

14th Force Support Squadron

Columbus AFB youth have had a busy week of auditions and rehearsals preparing for the Missoula Children's Theater summer production of "Hansel and Gretel" set for Saturday at 3 p.m. at Kaye Auditorium.

"The show is free and we hope everyone will come out and see our talented kids show their stuff," Youth Programs Director Kayline Hamilton said. "They've been working hard and learning a lot from the pros that have come all the way from Montana to teach and direct them."

The auditions were packed on Monday morning with 44 youth, from 1st to 12th grade, showing up to try out for the week-long drama camp which was offered free of charge and open to all CAFB youth.

"We were excited to see so many eager faces wanting to participate," said Danielle Papet, one of the three actor/directors from the Missoula troupe. "We are certainly happy that all of those who came out have a role in the play."

Following the feature presentation of the production Saturday, the Missoula group, comprised of Papet, Shawna Smith and Diana Moore, all college graduates trained in theater, will rest up and hit the road early Sunday for their next stop in Demopolis, Ala. They will spend five weeks in Alabama and then head to Arkansas for a two-week stint, then one week in Illinois and another in Virginia before wrapping their summer tour.



The cooks rehearse their parts in the Missoula Children's Theater Monday at the Kaye Auditorium. The cooks, or gingerbread people, in the Missoula production are Lizzie Watson, Sara Todd, Sara Heaton, Scott Tve. Haley Kendrick, Ricky Hackler, David Russell and Erin Graves. The BLAZE Team is invited to the show Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.

"We'll have a short break before the fall tour starts and then another break at Christmas," Papet said.

But all the time on the road is worth it, she said. "It's great to see the kids get excited about the theater. Perhaps one day one of these children will be touring with Missoula."

Shawna Smith, acting director, rehearses with Chardonnay Johnson, Nick Moore and Marissa Hackler for the Missoula Children's Theater show. Johnson will be playing the part of the witch, Moore will be playing Hansel and Hackler will be playing Gretel. The BLAZE Team is invited to the show Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.



Keep CAFB beautiful. Don't litter.



14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 34 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



Applies when there is an increased general threat of possible terrorist activity against personnel or facilities, and the nature and extent of the threat are unpredictable.

Officials bring back missile badges, wings

Ed White

Air Force Space Command Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE,

Ohio — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley announced the return of the missile badge with operations designator for intercontinental ballistic missile crews June 6. He also announced that the three ICBM wings of Air Force Space Command's 20th Air Force will return to the convention of being named missile wings.

"The re-establishment of the operations badge to missile professionals speaks to the absolute importance of the strategic nuclear mission," General Moseley said. "It is about recognizing the Airmen who stand guard over the U.S. homeland, providing protection from strategic threats. And, it is about recognizing operational competencies and a singular focus on our nuclear mission as well as growing and developing new officers who will serve in this field -- undertaking this very important, very difficult mission where perfection has always been the standard."

General Moseley's comments were made at the Peacekeeper Missile dedication ceremony at the National Museum of the United States Air Force here. Among those attending the historic event were Air Force Secretary Michael Wynne, Gen. Robert Kehler, commander of Air Force Space Command, and Gen. William Looney III, commander of Air Education and Training Command. They joined General Moseley in presenting missile badges to 14 officers during the ceremony.

Any officer who is or has been combat mission ready, as a missile crewmember at an operational ICBM unit qualifies to wear the missile badge with operations designator — a wreath encircling the missile. The basic badge is awarded once the member is CMR at the operational ICBM unit. Officers with six years of nuclear experience qualify for the senior badge, and they qualify for the master-level badge after nine years' experience.

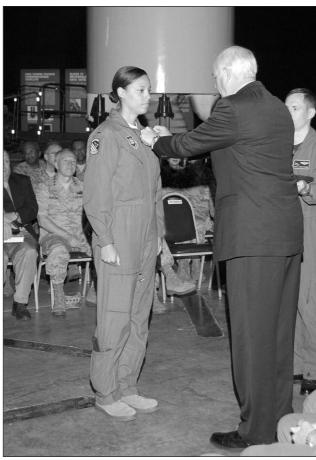
Training in ICBM operations is a career-long effort. Crewmembers complete the Space 100 course and ICBM initial qualification training at the 381st Training Group at Vandenberg AFB, Calif., as well as mission qualification training at their assigned units. Upon successful completion of all requirements, the officer presents a certification briefing and is declared CMR.

The Air Force has long recognized ICBM maintainers with a distinctive missile badge. For those who qualify, either badge may be worn with the current space badge. Detailed wear policy will be posted to the space professional development Web site on the Air Force Portal.

"We are committed to the ICBM mission and to reenforcing excellence in the Air Force nuclear community," General Moseley said. "This badge, with the operations designator, recognizes the career path for our officers in the missile community. We also honor the legacy, importance and unique mission of our three ICBM wings by returning to the convention of naming these units missile wings."

The three units to be renamed as missile wings are the 90th Space Wing, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo; the 91st Space Wing, Minot AFB, ND; and the 341st Space Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Mont. These units operate the Air Force's Minuteman III ICBM fleet.

Standing ready since the 1950s, the Air Force's ICBM cadre of experts earned America's trust and confidence. At the end of the Cold War, many Americans assumed that our strategic nuclear deterrent, the ICBM force, went away with the Soviet threat. Not so. Their mission is still necessary, and Air Force missileers remain an integral part of Air Force operations.



U.S. Air Force photo Ben Strasser

First Lt. Jennifer Jones receives her missile badge from Air Force Secretary Michael Wynne. Lieutenant Jones is assigned to the 91st Space Wing at Minot Air Force Base, N.D. She received her missile badge during a Peacekeeper Missile dedication ceremony June 6 at the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

Straight Talk Line

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better.

The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential.

Written questions may be dropped off at the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at https://columbusweb and the main Web site at www.columbus.af.mil. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.



Fraternization: Don't cross the line

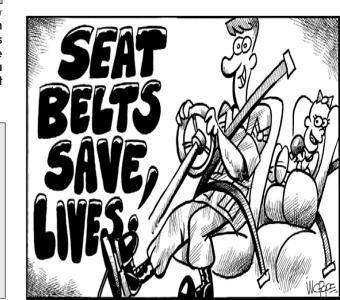
A few months ago, an Airman's Roll Call addressed Unprofessional Relationships. While most Airmen are familiar with the definition of unprofessional relationships, they may need further clarification about fraternization. Fraternization is actually a type of unprofessional relationship; one that can have major repercussions for Airmen both professionally and personally.

An unprofessional relationship can occur between two officers, two enlisted members, an officer and an enlisted member, a military member and a civilian employee, or a military member and a defense contractor. When the relationship creates either the reality or perception of a superior exercising favoritism, misusing his or her office, or abandoning organizational goals for personal interests, it is considered unprofessional.

Fraternization refers to an unprofessional relationship between an officer and enlisted member specifically. Here are a few points Airmen should know about fraternization:

- "Fraternization" refers to an offense under Article 134 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, for which officers may be punished. It occurs if an officer interacts with an enlisted member on terms of military equality such that respect for the officer's professionalism, integrity and leadership is compromised.
- Fraternization need not include dating or sexual relations. It is any activity in which the parties—regardless of gender—are relating to each other on terms of military equality.
- Under AFI 36-2909, Professional and Unprofessional Relationships, both officers and enlisted members involved in unprofessional relationships (to include fraternization) may be given an order to terminate the relationship and may receive adverse administrative action. Other actions may also be taken when appropriate.

Fraternization and unprofessional relationships adversely affect the morale and discipline of our force. Understand where the line is, and don't cross it. For more information, refer to AFI 36-2909 or contact your local legal office.



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Happy Birthday US Army

Capt. Tony Wickman **USAFE Public Affairs**

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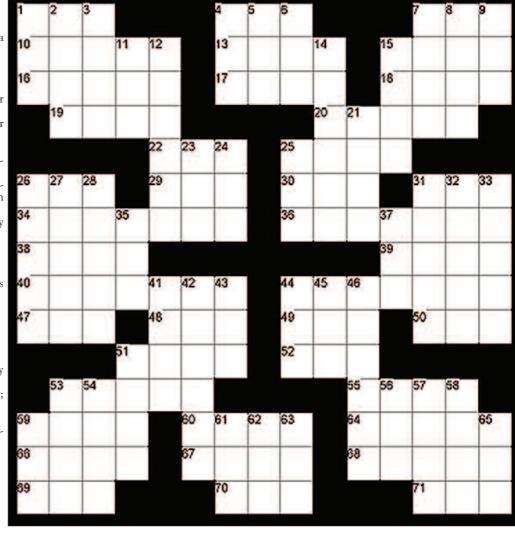
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- 7. Skating surface
- 10. Smallest Army maneuver unit
- 13. Extending far in width; broad
- 15. 1982 Jeff Bridges movie 16. Rid of whatever is impure
- or undesirable; cleanse; purify 17. Region
- 18. Staffs
- 19. Middle Easterner
- 20. Longtime close friend or companion
- 22. American Indian people of Utah and W Colorado 25. Permit
- 26. DoD identifier for Army
- 29. Neither's literary partner 30. Stimpy's pal
- 31. Infantryman's marker for
- combat, in brief 34. Army combat vehicle
- 36. Army organization; part of SCBT 38. Push or force along; impel
- with force or vigor 39. Opera highlight
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- Sergeant Major of the US
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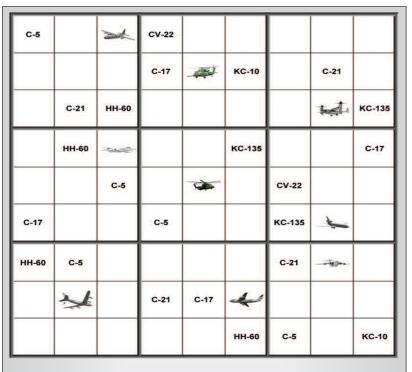
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- 48. Card game
- 49. M-4, M-9, M-16, etc.
- 50. Style of rock music with stylistic roots
- 51. Axlike tool with a curved blade at right angles to han-
- 52. Conjunction
- 53. Gen. George W. Army Chief of Staff
- facto; by the fact itself; by the very nature of a deed
- 59. Nessie's home?
- 60. Flat pieces of coarse fabric used for wiping feet
- 64. Nobody
- 66. Unit above Corps 67. Self-esteem or self-
- images; feelings 68. The Honorable Pete ___;
- Secretary of the Army
- 69. Tiny
- 70. Breakfast item 71. Standard time in the fifth time zone west of Greenwich,

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- 8. Gen. Richard _ __; Army
- Vice Chief of Staff
- 9. USN O-1
- _ Khan; divine head of 11. the Isma'ili branch of Shi'ism
- 12. Expose the falseness, sham, or exaggerated claims

- 14. Green Bay player
- 15. 2004 Brad Pitt movie
- 21. Princess or queen in India or the East Indies
- 23. Foot part
- 24. Mistake 25. Sphere
- 26. Use without authority or
- right; employ wrongfully 27. Flexible strip of leather used for sharpening a razor
- 28. Debate blanche; unconditional authority; full power
- 32. Expression whose meaning is not predictable from the usual use
- 33. Form of bingo, especially one using beans as markers 35. Desire
- 37. Fuel
- _, Where's My Car?
- 42. Proteins functioning as biochemical catalysts 43. Buck's companion
- 44. Tiger's org.
- 45. Sprint 46. Conclusion
- 51. Pale; wan
- 53. Central part of a fleshy fruit, containing the seeds
- 54. Highest point; summit; peak
- 56. Edgar Allen
- 57. Physically painful or sensitive, as a wound
- 58. Singles
- 59. Canon
- 61. Iron or Bronze
- 62. Coat or cloak
- 63. Army E-6
- 65. Tolkien character





AIRLIFT AIRCRAFT

To solve, place an airlift aircraft into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9-box square within the larger diagram will contain each of the following airlift aircraft: C-5, C-17, C-21, C-130, CV-22, HH-60, KC-10, KC-135 and MH-53. In other words, no aircraft may appear more than once in any row, column, or smaller 9-box square. Working with the planes already given as a guide, complete each diagram with the missing ranks that will lead to the correct solution.

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Long Term Events

July 1 - 14th MDG Change of Command

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July 2 - AETC/CC Change of Command July 3 - 49th FTS Change of Command

July 4 & 7 - Holiday

July 9 - 14th CES Change of Command

July 11 - 08-12 Assignment Night & Crud

How the IG can work for you

Lt. Col. Dean Stephens

14th Flying Training Wing Inspector General

Ombudsman. No, that is not a word-of-the-day, nor does it imply "every man's bud." Ombudsman is a government official appointed to investigate complaints made against other government officials regarding abuses or capricious acts and work towards an equitable resolution. That is the Inspector General. So, let me introduce you to your 14th Flying Training Wing Inspector General.

I'm an Army brat, so the question, "where are you from," is never an easy answer. I completed pilot training here at Columbus AFB and I've flown F-15Cs, T-38s and T-37s. I'll be at PIT for the next two months transitioning from the Mighty Tweet into the T-6. Enough about me, though, I'm writing this to inform you about what the IG does here at CAFB.

There are several programs that fall under the IG that are noteworthy. They are: reprisal, restriction, fraud, waste and abuse; and improper mental health evaluations. The last one is easy. Only your commander can direct a mental health evaluation, not a supervisor, not a first sergeant.

Reprisal and restriction both relate to adverse personnel

actions taken against you. The great thing about being the IG is that by regulation, everyone is allowed to come and talk to me! You cannot be prevented by a coworker, supervisor or commander from going to talk to the IG. That would be restricting access. Let's say you did go and talk to the IG and someone "held it against you" in the form of ridiculous increase in workload, poor performance evaluation, denied leave or something to that effect. That could be reprisal. In either of the reprisal or restriction areas mentioned above, the IG would research the complaint to determine if the facts supported the claim. That is the Ombudsman. The review is always an impartial and honest look at the facts. I stress this because as the IG, I am not your advocate, nor am I the Air Force's advocate. I am charged strictly with remaining on the fence and determining the facts.

Along the course of determining the facts and forming a resolution path, you might not like my answer. The resolution path might very well be that the facts do not support the claim. However, if the analysis determines that the facts do indeed support the claim, then the resolution path gets forwarded up to SAF/IGQ (Investigations) and they review the analysis and can direct an investigation.

Typically, in Air Education and Training Command, actual IG investigations are conducted by MAJCOM investigators.

The Fraud, Waste and Abuse reporting mentioned above covers complaints about utilization of Air Force's resources. It is the duty of every Airman to report improprieties and wasteful concerns up the chain. The IG is the focal point for all FWA issues and some complaints may result in some monies saved going to the individual.

So what is the bottom line to all of this information? You have the right to go talk to the IG anytime (in person, on phone, via e-mail or anonymously). I always encourage individuals to utilize their chain of command first, but that is not required. The chain of command might be the problem driving a complaint, in which case it might not be the quickest resolution.

Lastly, as I've encouraged you to use your chain of command, there is a chain within the IG world, too. As I am currently TDY to PIT for two months, any complaints for CAFB will go to AETC/IGQ while I'm gone. Their contact information is on my voice and e-mail messages. Have a great summer and your Ombudsman will be back in August.

Dealing with the near rocks, far rocks

Lt. Col. Peter Zuppas 35th Operations Group deputy commander

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — "Let's deal with the near rocks" is something many of us frequently hear these days at planning meetings, scheduling discussions, etc.

I asked someone in my office what they thought the term near rocks referred to. They replied that it was in reference to the fact that road crews or prison chain-gangs swinging sledge hammers need to break through the closest rocks first, then to the bigger rocks underneath.

OK, I can see how someone could come up with that interpretation and in concept, that's right -- you have to deal with the problem that's closest at hand first. But, in case you were wondering, the term "near rocks" actually comes from fighter pilot lingo and refers to situations where -- flying at very low altitude -- the majority of one's time and energy is spent focused on the most important thing at that time which is staying low, and not smashing your jet into the ground. One reason to fly low is to

avoid detection by enemy radars, and possibly using the element of surprise to execute an attack.

The reference to rocks is to emphasize the hardness or harsh ramifications of not paying enough attention to the immediate task at hand and from the fact that a lot of the most challenging low-altitude training for fighter pilots takes place in the desert, mountainous rocky areas like those in Nevada and Arizona. We've lost many a fighter pilot to the near rocks and only after handling that task can the fighter pilot move on to accomplish other tasks. Thus the more complete phrase, "Near Rocks, Far Rocks, Check-Six, etc." where the next in-line priorities are accomplished, but only after the higher priority is satisfied. Fighter pilots term this "task-prioritization."

Beyond flying low and fast, the near rocks analogy applied to other operations and practices, has some interesting implications and consequences. Consider the extreme concentration of the fighter pilot smoking along at 500 feet above the ground and 500 mph. Not much else really matters — it's living in the moment, and

there's no thinking about mundane, trivial matters like the car needing new brakes, or starting to save for the children's college education. In fact, the fighter pilot racing along there on a mission can become so enamored with navigating through the near rocks that he can lose sight of what the real objective/target for that mission is, and when it comes time to climb up and execute the attack, he may be unprepared, rushed and not set up for success.

In this light, one can see how enticing it can be to live in the near rocks mentality — avoiding for the time being all those far rocks (issues) that are sometimes not at all fun to deal with. But there's a price to pay, including the fact that the near rocks can sometimes hide larger far rocks. The fighter pilot needs to climb up and allow themselves time to analyze the bigger picture, prepare for bigger mountains or they may not have enough room to clear (handle) the bigger ridges (issues). Continually dealing with the nearest problem — while captivating and appearing productive — may not allow for the greater success possible by rising up to get a better picture of where the bigger objectives lie and how to meet

hem.

The key to the success of the low flying fighter pilot is the balance and task prioritization when dealing with near rocks, far rocks, and the next string of priorities. Flying low and fast is a sub-objective, a means to get to that bigger objective. Outside of the jet fighter world, dealing with the near rocks can be crucial for the survival of an individual, an organization, a government, or a country ... but the far rocks, bigger sight picture and correct prioritization will ultimately define any strategy or endeavor.

On an interesting note, after dedicated, low-altitude-flying training for almost nine months, the Israeli air force used F-16s to execute a surprise attack on the Osiraq nuclear reactor in Iraq on June 7, 1981. They flew more than an hour at an altitude of 100 feet mastering the near rocks and at the last minute climbing up and precisely delivering their bombs and getting to their objective — the destruction of Saddam Hussein's nuclear reactor and potential follow-on nuclear weapons capabilities.

Letters from home keep up morale for deployed first sergeant

Airman Josh Harbin

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

In the midst of a long deployment, one of Columbus AFB's Airmen was blessed with letters of support and encouragement from his daughter and her fourth

A group of 27 children poured their thoughts onto paper and cards, offering their best wishes and hopes for a safe return, and packed them into an envelope to be sent overseas.

Master Sgt. George Evans, 14th Medical Group First Sergeant, was deployed to Iraq from December 2007 to April 2008.

Mady Evans, Sergeant Evans' daughter, is enrolled at Caledonia Elementary School; where her teacher, Sandra Murphy, inspired her class to write Mady's father letters of support

Murphy said she thought it would be a great way to support our troops.

His wife Angie Evans said, "It was hard for Mady to read the letters that her classmates wrote to her dad because she really missed him.

Many of the children told George in the letters that he would be proud of Mady for being so strong while he was gone."

Sergeant Evans, in reflection, said, "It's always nice to get mail but when the letters are from a bunch of 10 year olds and friends of my daughter, they mean a whole lot more. They're something I'll always treasure.'

In February, Evans presented Murphy's class with a flag and its certificate of authenticity in appreciation for their help during his deploy-

Mrs. Evans said the certificate was personally signed by him for sentiment, as it was displayed outside his own workplace in Iraq.

"It was really good to be able to tell my dad what I wanted to when he was gone. I'm glad my class was able to write him and tell him how proud of him we were," said Mady.



Master Sat. George Evans, 14th Medical Group First Sergeant, presents a flag he flew over his workplace while deployed to Iraq to his daughter's fourth grade class and their teacher, Sandra Murphy. The Caledonia Elementary students sent Sergeant Evans letters of support during his tour.

> Yours truly Motthew

Dear Mr. Evans, Thank you for helping our country and saving other people/s lives I know that Mady misses you a lot and I bet that Mady's happy to have you as a dad. I hope you come and visit our class yours truly, heiema

Dear Mr. Evans, My class and I would like to thank you for risking your life and fighting for our freedom. I

know how you and your family feels.

Mady is a great friend.

The war is much scarier to us than it is to you. We are proud to say we are Americans.

Yours truly. Destiny

Dear Mr. Evans I thank your for serving our courtry. I hope the war ends soon, what does it reel like to so overseas? I hope you come home to your ramily I know your daughter misses you very much I pray for you everywhere I so. Sometimes I think about soins into the Anny Sometimes I think about being a pro westler

Sometimes do you actually want to go? Do you ever miss your family when you leave? I am very glad Mady is in my class. She is very nice and sweet. And she tries to be everyone's friend. I am one of them. Yours truly,

Dear Mr. Evans,

I miss you so much. My class is writing a letter to you saying that we appreciate Dear Dad, what you are doing and that we are going to support you every day. You know I miss We all miss you so much and all of my you the most.

friends at my school want to meet you so much. My friends make me feel better when I'm down and they all want to know every-

One of my friends has her dad in Iraq too so she understands how I feel and what I thing about Iraq. am talking about. I'm teaching my friends about the Air Force and Iraq.

P.S. You know how many letters you have to read? 27! I know that's a lot but they are all telling how much we appreciate you.

Your daughter, Mady

> I'm in Mady's class and I are just mantino to thank you for fightino for freedom. I'm alad that I'm an American because we sot the rights and freedom to do anything we and helpful to others he with you as a dad.

and helpful to others he just want to say thank you My class and I just hope you come back to Mady and her brother and her mother. We heard that you wan an award, but you were in Iraq so you could not receive it. I got one questions for you How is Iraq? I'm alad that you're righting for thee.

Your friend,

Herry

Dear Mr. Evans

I'm proud to be an American

because I have people (like you) to

protect me. I bet Mady is happy to

have you as a dad. My class and I

just wanted to thank you for try-

ing to help our country. You are

very helpful. Now I just want to

ask you a few questions.

Dear Mr. Evans, Thank you for defending our course try. We appreciate your errort to make this country a better place. You see, Mady and I have something in common. My dad is also in Iraq. Mady is a steat triend. Thank you for letting Mady come to Caledonia Elementary School he are very happy to have her. In conclusion, we want to thank you

Yours truly Hunter

Dear Mr. Evans,

I wanted to thank you so much for what you are doing for us and our country. I hope that you are helping all the people that need it. I hope you are safe and healthy. I have heard so much about you from Mady. She tells me you are a nice caring man. Mady and your family all miss you so much. I heard you got an award and weren't even here to receive it. I wish I had a dad like you.

> P.S. Hope you are safe. I would love to meet you when you come back. If you haven't read Mady's letter yet, she really loves and misses you.

Yours truly stevie

SERVICES

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Families offered variety of summer programs

Missoula Children's Theater

This year's production is at 3 p.m. Saturday at Kaye Auditorium with over 50 Columbus AFB youth casting "Hansel and Gretel". The show is free. For more information, call the youth center at 434-2504.

Summer Reading Program

The base library is conducting their registration for the summer reading program through today. This year's theme is "Get a clue at your Library". The program is open to youth entering the first through sixth grades for the 2008-09 school year. The program meets at 10 a.m. Wednesdays starting June 18.

Pet Projects

The arts and crafts center is offering several classes to make items for your pet. Make a doggie food and water dish holder June 17 for \$15 and a bone shaped leash holder June 24 for \$10. These classes are offered at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. A more in-depth class on making a dog house is June 20 at 5:30 p.m. Cost for this workshop is \$50. At least four days advanced registration and payment is required for each class. For more information or to register call 434-7836.

Teens Pool Party

Base teens are invited to this teens only pool party from 7:30-10:30 p.m. June 21. Lots of fun, games, music and free food. Cost is \$5 per person and there must be 15 registered and paid by June 17. For more information, call 434-2504.

Casino Trips

The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to the Silver Star Casino the first Friday of every month. Cost is \$20 per person and includes transportation and \$25 in casino play. Groups of ten or more may book a trip anytime. For more information, call 434-2505.

Wii Love Our Youth

The bowling center offers a chance to win a Wii game system for youth between of the ages of 5 and 18. Register to win the game by picking up a game card anytime before July 31 at the bowling Center. For every game bowled have your card punched. Each game card requires 10 punches for a valid entry. The drawing will be held Aug. 1 and you do not have to present to win. For more information, call 434-2425.

White Water Rafting Trip

The outdoor adventure program is offering another white water rafting trip Aug. 16 to Aug.18. Cost is \$155 per person and includes transportation, two nights lodging and three meals. Register and pay a \$50 deposit by Aug. 1 at the outdoor recreation office. For more information, call 434-2505.

Alabama Adventure Water, Theme Park Trip

The information, ticket and travel office is offering this one day trip June 25. Cost is \$20 per person for

Blaze Lunch Bunch

at the Columbus Club every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All plates come with one meat, two sides, roll or cornbread, tea or water \$5.75 for club members/\$6.75 for nonmembers

This week's menu: Meat choices: Fried Chicken, Turkey Pot Pie, Fried Catfish Basket

Sides: Macaroni and Cheese, Cole Slaw, Rice and Gravy, Turnip Greens, Sauteed Cabbage and Lima Beans

Desserts are \$2.95 each
New York Cheesecake with Strawberry Topping
Chocolate Chip Cookies and Vanilla Ice Cream
Carrot Cake

transportation. Discounted park tickets are available at Outdoor Recreation for \$28 each. Register by June 18. We must have 20 registered to offer trip. The bus leaves the base at 8:30 a.m. and departs the theme park at 4 p.m. For more information, call 434-2505.

Club Scholarship Program

Twenty-five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to college bound students through the Air Force club scholarship program.

Current Air Force club members and their family members (e.g. spouse, son, daughter, stepson and stepdaughter) who have been accepted by or are enrolled in an accredited college or university for entry during the fall of 2008 as a part-time or full time student are eligible. Applicant must provide a copy of their college or university acceptance letter. Grandchildren who are dependents of the club member are also eligible. Student enrollment status may involve either undergraduate or graduate curriculum.

To enter, write and submit a 500 words or less essay on the following topic: "The Most Important Person in My Life". Submit your entries to 14 FSS/FSK, attention Jana Hall, by July 1.

Entry forms are available at the club, education office, airman and family readiness office, fitness center, bowling center and library. Entry forms are also available on line at www.afclubs.net.

Youth Employment Skills Program

The YES Program is an on-base volunteer program for high school students that pays \$4 per hour through the AF Aid Society. YES allows high school students to "bank" \$4 in grant funding for every hour volunteered in an on-base function. Students may accumulate as much as 250 hours over all 4 years of high school. Teens must be dependents of active duty air force to be eligible and must be at least a freshmen in high school. For more info contact Mr. Hamilton at 434-2504.

FitFactor

The Air Force Services family member program is committed to the well-being of families and youth. FitFactor is a web-based program that encourages young people to get up, get out and get fit! Youth can earn points for being active in a variety of ways - from team sports to household chores. Start earning points to achieve the five FitFactor levels. For each level reached earn valuable prizes. Visit the youth center to get started. Call 434-2504 for more information.

Veterinary Clinic Open

The veterinary clinic is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Wednesday for appointments and veterinarian visits. Call 434-2281 for more information.

Host A Bowling Birthday Party

The bowling center offers the best birthday party packages around. The "good" package includes two hours of bowling, free shoe rental, "bowling" place settings, balloons and a souvenir bowling pin for the guest of honor for just \$7.50 per person. The "Best" package includes everything in the "Good" package plus choice of hot dog, grilled cheese sandwich or chicken strips with fries and soft drink for \$10 per person. A \$25 non-refundable deposit is required for all parties. No outside food or beverages allowed, except for birthday cakes. For more information, call 434-2426.

Daily Grind Proudly Serving Starbucks

The Daily Grind is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Self Help Car Wash

There is a self-help car wash located behind the youth center on ninth street. Cost is \$1 for 5 minutes and customers may add a quarter for each additional minute before the time ends for an extended wash. Call 434-7842.

Cosmic Bowling

Strike Zone Lanes offers cosmic bowling every Friday and Saturday night from 7 to 11 p.m. A night filled with black lights, loud music, strobe lights and bowling. Cost is \$2 per game. For more information, call 434-2426.

Ballroom Dance Classes

The youth center offers these classes for youth and adults from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursdays. The fitness center also offers a class Monday nights at 7 p.m. Learn the foxtrot, waltz, east coast swing, tango, rumba and cha-cha. No partner required. Cost is \$4 per person per class. For more information, call the youth center at 434-2504 or the fitness center at 434-2772.

Airline, Cruise Reservations

Check with the information, ticket and travel office for booking your airline or cruise reservations. Great military rates available. Give the gift of travel for Christmas. For more information, call 434-7861.

Base News

Drug Education for Youth

The Drug Education for Youth summer camp for children ages 9 to 12 will be held June 18 through 27 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Chapel Annex. DEFY helps kids develop the positive behaviors necessary to resist drugs and builds on their social skills. This is an excellent opportunity for your child to become immersed in team building exercises, learn how to set goals, develop conflict resolution skills and hone their decision making skills. This program is free and open to all children ages 9 to 12 of military, DoD civilians, and base contractors. For more information, call Vanessa Brown at 434-2353 or e-mail her at vanessa.brown@columbus.af.mil.

BLAZE Cards

The BLAZE card printer at the Visitor's Center is currently down. While it is being repaired the Visitor's Center will issue AF Form 75's (Visitor Pass), valid for a period of 30 days. The 14th Security Forces Squadron apologizes for any inconvenience's this may cause and they will make sure to minimize any delay's in issuing Visitor Passes by having an additional member posted at the Visitor Center during peak periods. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Chris Fitzhugh, 14th SFS, at 434-7123.

Gas Mask Fit Test

Gas Mask Fit Testing will now by appointment only. Appointments will be taken Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exceptions to appointment times will be made for deployers only. For more information, call Bioenvironmental Engineering at 434-2286 or 434-2226.

CAC Card Replacement

Members can replace their Common Access Card within 60 days of it expiring. All personnel will need to provide the following at the time of replacement: two forms of identification, government ("dot" mil or gov) email address, a six to eight digit personal identification number and an application for a CAC, the appropriate application will be provided to appointment is made. Call 434-2626 or 434-2624 to schedule an appointment.

YES Program

The Youth Employment Skills

for high school students that pay \$4 per hour through the AF Aid Society. YES allows high school students to "bank" \$4 in grant funding for every hour volunteered in an on-base function. Students may accumulate as much as 250 hours over all 4 years of high school. Program year is from June 1 through May 31 (you may join at time during the program year). Teens must be dependants of active duty air force to be eligible and must be at least a freshman in high school. For more information, call at 434-2504.

Airman and Family Readiness Center

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790 or email afrc@columbus.af.mil.)

Pre-Deployment Brief

There is a mandatory briefing for active duty personnel who are deploying or going on a remote tour. The brief is held every work day at 9 a.m. Spouses are welcome to attend.

Post-Deployment Brief

This mandatory briefing is for active duty personnel who are returning from deployment or a remote tour are held daily at 1:30 p.m. at the A&FRC. For more information, call 434-2790.

Heart Link Lunch Social

This event will be held Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This social is for spouses new to CAFB or military lifestyle. Participants can pick up their "Welcome Binder" prior to the program, so they are ready with questions you need answered about the base and local area. This is a fun-filled, interactive spouse program packed with info, free lunch, snacks, prizes, and a special presentation from the Wing commander and his spouse. Vouchers for child care are available. Limited seating, so don't delay. Sign up no later than June 16. For more information, call 434-2790.

Smooth Move

This event will be held Tuesday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center and is a workshop for relocating, PCSing members/families will receive valuable moving information. Learn what to expect before you move

from TMO, Housing, Finance, Legal, Billeting, Tri-Care, Medical Records, and AFRC. For more information, call 434-2790.

Employment Letters

This workshop will be held Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m. A resume sent to a prospective employer without a cover letter goes to the trash can. Participants will learn how to write cover letters, follow-up letters, and thank you letters to employers. For more information, call 434-2790.

Social Hearts **Apart** Gathering

The Hearts Apart Social will be held Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Gorilla Golf. This social gathering is for families of deployed (over 30 days) or remote personnel. Information and refreshments will be offered. Advance registration is required. For more information, call 434-2790.

Sponsorship Training

This event for Unit Intro Monitors and Sponsors will be held June 24 at 9 a.m. at the Airman & Family Readiness Center. Also web-based training is offered thru Air Force Portal under CAFB and thru the Public Folder. For more information, call 434-2790.

Budgeting Basics

This event is held every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon at Airman & Family Readiness Center. Learn practical ways to tell your money where to go rather than wonder where it went. For more information, call 434-2790.

Telephone Directories

Local AT&T "The Real Yellow Pages"® are available at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Stop by and pick up your free copy.

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK

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Chapel Schedule

Protestant

Sunday: 9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School 10:45 a.m. — Traditional Worship Service (Children's Church)

All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month

Catholic

Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m. — Mass

Thursday

5 p.m. — Choir Practice

Sunday:

4:30 p.m. — Confession

4:30 p.m. — Choir Practice

5:30 p.m. — Mass

First Communion, Confirmation and RCIA classes are held Wednesday in conjunction with Pioneer Club.

The Catholic Parish Fellowship Dinner is held on the first Sunday of each month following the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Wednesdays

5 p.m. — Potluck

6 p.m. — Pioneer Club for ages 3 years to 7th grade

6 p.m. — Video Study

6 p.m. — "A Case for Kids" Family Life

6 p.m. — "Breaking the Code" A study of Revelations

6 p.m. — Youth Bible Study for ages 8th to 12th grades

7 p.m. — Protestant Choir Practice

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Program is an on-base volunteer program

AROUND TOWN

"Sounds of Summer": The Columbus-Lowndes Development LINK, in conjunction with the City of Columbus, Columbus Convention & Visitor's Bureau and Main Street Columbus, announce the premiere of "Sounds of Summer," a weekly concert series to be held at the Columbus Riverwalk. The event will take place every Thursday in the month of June from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. and begins with local talent "Keith & Margie" who will take the stage on June 12th. The following Thursday, on June 19th will be "Big Joe Shelton," who has just released his newest CD entitled "Black Prairie Blues." "Pride in Mississippi," local talents Larry Cantrell and Richard Miller will round out the month on the 26th. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be available for sale, including snack foods and beverages. The public is encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, etc., however no personal beverage coolers will be allowed. To learn more about "Sounds of Summer," please call Maureen Lipscomb at the LINK at 328-8369.

Summer Reading Program: Columbus-Lowndes Public Library will be hosting a summer reading program from now to July 8. This year's theme is "Catch the

Reading Bug." Children, pre-school to 6th grade, are invited to participate in storytelling, puppets, music and special guests while discovering the world of insects. The theme for June 10 in Columbus will be "Louie the Lightning Bug" hosted by Four County Electric. The theme for June 17 in Columbus will be "Wild Life and Water Safety" hosted by U.S. Corps of Engineers. "Justin the Weather Man" will be the theme in Columbus for June 24, and that will be hosted by WCBI-TV Channel 4.

There will be readings every Thursday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for the month of June in Caledonia. There will be readings every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon for the month of June in Artesia. There will be readings every Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the month of June in Crawford. For more information, call Edwina Williams or Brenda Durrett at 329-5300.

Hogs for Paws: This charity bike ride will take place June 21 at Ola J Pickett Park in Caledonia, Miss. Regirastion is from 8 to 10 a.m. There will be a bike blessing at 10:15 a.m. and the ride will begin at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be at 12:45 p.m. The cost of the event is a \$25 per rider and \$15 per passenger. This price includes

a t-shirt and lunch. For more information, call the Columbus Lowndes Humane Society.

AFA Convention: The Air Force Association will host a POW/MIA Golf tournament June 28 at the Columbus Country Club, with a 1 p.m. tee off. There will also be an AFA Convention dinner at the Columbus Country Club at 6 p.m.

Women's Center for Entrepreneurship: The Mississippi University for Women will be hosting a number of classes for the Women's Center for Entrepreneurship summer workshop. The "buying and selling on the web" class will be Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The "business plan and lender proposal" class will be held Tuesday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The "financing your business" class will be held July 24 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. All classes are free and will be held at the WCE Orr Annex Building. Seating is limited, so pre-registration is recommended. For more information call (662) 241-6277 or email wceinfo@muw.edu.

For more information about local area events, e-mail AFRC@columbus.af.mil or call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.

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SPORTS

Tournament proves to be "super" success

Pam Wickham

14th Forces Support Squadron

The Super Sonic Scramble held June 7 and 8 was a "super" success with 28 teams competing. This two-day tournament is held every year in June and is open to the local community.

"This is our biggest tournament of the year and we count on good participation to ensure the success of the tournament, but our sponsors also play a vital part in its success. This year's sponsors were Sonic Drive-In on Highway 45 North, Premier Ford, The Office Sports Bar & Grill, Studdard Law Firm, Triangle Federal Credit Union, Carl Hogan Honda, Burtman Weightloss.com, Porter & Singley Family Dentistry, Ellis Construction, Cable One, and University Management Group," said Ricky Magers, golf pro and tournament director.

Magers added, "To allow everyone an even chance to be in the money, the field was divided into three flights after play on Saturday and the teams then competed in their respective flights to win honors as the top three teams. In the championship flight the scores ranged from 55 to 58, in the first flight it was from 59 to 64 and in the second flight the scores ranged from 65 to 76. This was one of the closest competitions we've have in all three flights, which in two flights there were ties that had to be broken by who played better on the hardest handicap holes."

The championship flight honors went to the defending championship team of

Hal Larken, Jr., Arl Taylor, Jacob Gable and Zak Taylor with scores of 55 for Saturday and 54 for Sunday for a total of 109. Second place went to the team of George Hinnant, Scott Hinnant, Mark Randle and Albert McBrayer with scores of 57 and 53 for a total of 110. The third place team of Shasta Plunkett, Buddy Huffman, Bryan Lippincott and Craig Horrocks brought in scores of 55 and 58 for a total of 113.

In the first flight, first place was tied between the team of Sam Shoemake, Howard Ferguson, Jack Davis and Roger Wade with scores of 62 and 55 for a total of 117 and the team of Roger Hinshaw, Rich Hinshaw, Jack Kalfus and Darrell Petters with scores of 59 and 58 for a total of 117. The team of Shoemake, Ferguson, Davis and Wade took top honors on the playoff hole. The third place team of Chuck Jones, Doug Lee, Jason Wallace and Jason Vasser scores were 60 and 58 for a total of 118.

In the second flight, the team of Dean Roberts, Alton Scarbourgh, Kenny Pollard and Matt Stokes won first place with scores of 65 and 60 for a total of 125. The team of Mike Fowlkes, Rachel Kasic, Jeremy Wickham and Pam Wickham won second place with scores of 66 and 64 for a total of 130. The third place winners due to a playoff hole were James Forrester, Kevin Forrester, Heath Forrester and Gavin Yarbourgh with scores of 68 and 63 for a total of 131.

The next large tournament is the McGladrey Team Championship

Tournament July 26. Deadline for register is July 18. Three person teams play one 18-hole round playing best one net ball for the three players. The players must have an established USGA handicap. Entry is \$55 per person plus \$20 greens fees. Entry forms will need to be completed as a team.

Applications are available on line at PGA.com/teamchampionship or at the Whispering Pines Golf Course. The winning team will advance to the Section Championship in Louisiana Aug. 18 and could win a berth at the National Championship at Pinehurst.

For more information, call 434-7932.



U.S. Air Force photo by Pam Wickham

The championship flight honors went to the defending championship team of Hal Larken, Jr., Arl Taylor, Jacob Gable and Zak Taylor for the Super Sonic Scramble June 7 and 8 at Whispering Pines Golf Course. The team had scores of 55 for Saturday and 54 for Sunday for a total of 109.

Sports Shorts

Fun Runs: There will be a Fun Run Friday beginning at 7 a.m. at the Fitness Center. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

Swim Instructors: Water aerobics and swim instructors are needed at the Base swimming pool. If interested, please call Maggie at 434-2491.

Golf Tournaments: The US Open Pick is Saturday and Sunday. The US Women's Open Pick is June 28 and 29.

Golf 4 Kids: This event will take place Monday to Friday or July 14 to 18 from 9 to 10 a.m. each day at Whispering Pines Golf Course. It is open to youth ages 8 to 13. For more information, call the Golf Pro Shop at 434-7932.

Caffish Softball Tournament: This tournament will be held Saturday. Participants must be registered by June 6. Cost is \$150 per team and the first

20 participants to pay will play. A team trophy and t-shirts will be given to the winning team. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

Teen Night Hoops Basketball Program: The program will start June 30 and continue until school starts. All games are scheduled to be played at Youth Center or the location will be announced. Depending on sign ups, games will be played Thursday and Friday nights. The program is free to ages 13 to 18 year olds. Must have 15 participants registered by June 14. The program is free but your parents must register you at the Youth center. Volunteer coaches are needed and scorekeepers.

Junior NBA Basketball: The program will start June 30 and continue until school starts. All games are scheduled to be played at Youth Center. Depending on sign ups, games will be played around 3 p.m. each day. The program is free to ages 8 to 12 years old. Must have 15 participants registered by June 14. Parents must register children at the Youth center. Volunteer coaches are needed and scorekeep-

